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**Testimony in Support of Agenda Item D-7:  
REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF DIRECT NON-PROFIT LEASE TO NA MOKU  
AUPUNI O KOOLAU HUI; RETROACTIVE OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT  
FROM DECEMBER 11, 2021, TO DECEMBER 10, 2024, FOR RECREATIONAL  
CAMPSITE, AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, KEANAE-WAILUA, HANA, MAUI, TAX MAP  
KEYS: (2) 1-1-002: 008 & 009 AND (2) 1-1-004: 005**

Hawai'i Board of Land and Natural Resources  
February 9, 2024, 9:00 AM  
Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl St., Room 132 and via Teleconference

Aloha Chair Chang and Board Members,

My name is Jhalani Aweau and I am from Ke'anae and Wailuanui.

I submit this testimony in **strong support** of Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui acquiring the long-term lease for Ke'anae Uka (TMK#(2)1-1-002: 008 & 009), and Na Moku Lo'i Kalo Project Site (TMK#1-1-004:005).

Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui (Na Moku) was created in 1996 as a non-profit organization to educate, perpetuate, serve, and protect the historical, traditional, spiritual, and environmental well being of Ke'anae/Wailuanui. Members are the lineal descendants and current residents of the Ke'anae and Wailuanui ahupua'a.

I am a lineal descendant of both Ke'anae and Wailuanui, a current resident, and have been involved with Na Moku for over 8 years. Na Moku has allowed my community to continue farming kalo and living our unique lifestyle while perpetuating our culture.

- In December of 2020, Na Moku received the right of entry for a year-year agreement with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, progressing through stages of cleaning, safety, renovations, and setting up a reservation system. Na Moku never hesitated to take on the kuleana of cleaning, bringing the property up to par, saving the State a substantial amount of money.
- In the past three years, Ke'anae Uka has been revitalized under the care of Na Moku, hosting groups from across the world for cultural exchanges, community meetings and celebrations, family reunions, weddings, kids groups, church group services, men's group retreats, Camp Imua, visits to the lo'i, and regularly hosting camping for the general public. We have been able to have more community involvement and events at Ke'anae Uka that strengthens our community since Na Moku has been caretaking this sacred 'aina.
- Since their organization was founded in 1996, Na Moku has also had the privilege of maintaining 4.82 acres of lo'i kalo in the Wailuanui ahupua'a. They've had the chance to educate and share the cultural heritage of their place through understanding the importance of the connectivity of mauka to makai, water ways, and the lo'i. Schools, organizations, and many individual visitors

have benefitted from this experience. I've witnessed first hand the joy brought to visitors' souls while in the lo'i working alongside Na Moku.

- Ke'anae Uka and the lo'i work hand in hand. The lo'i kalo will one day provide produce for Ke'anae Uka's needs, through a farm to table model, strengthening the food security and sustainability for their community and the island of Maui.

Acquiring the long-term lease would allow Na Moku to continue sharing space with their community and offering these services to the public and other organizations across the world. Please allow Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui to acquire this long term lease for Ke'anae Uka and the Lo'i Kalo Project Site.

Mahalo nui loa for considering my testimony.

'O ke aloha nō,  
Jhalani Aweau

**From:** [Bayhouse Hana](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of Agenda Item D-7:  
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Aloha Chair Chang and Board Members,

My name is William H. Chang, and I am a lifelong resident of Hana, Maui.

I submit this testimony in **strong support** of Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui acquiring the long-term lease for Ke'anae Uka (TMK#(2)1-1-002: 008 & 009), and Na Moku Lo'i Kalo Project Site (TMK#1-1-004:005).

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- Since their organization was founded in 1996, Na Moku has also had the privilege of maintaining 4.82 acres of lo'i kalo in the Wailuanui ahupua'a. They've had the chance to educate and share the cultural heritage of their place through understanding the importance of the connectivity of mauka to makai, water ways, and the lo'i. Schools, organizations, and

many individual visitors have benefitted from this experience.

- Ke‘anae Uka and the lo‘i work hand in hand. The lo‘i kalo will one day provide produce for Ke‘anae Uka’s needs, through a farm to table model, strengthening the food security and sustainability for their community and the island of Maui.

Acquiring the long-term lease would allow Na Moku to continue sharing space with their community and offering these services to the public and other organizations across the world. Please allow Na Moku Aupuni O Ko‘olau Hui to acquire this long term lease for Ke‘anae Uka and the Lo‘i Kalo Project Site.

Mahalo nui loa for considering my testimony.

E Ho‘okuha’o Kakou,

William H. Chang

**From:** [Bob Douglas](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D-7 SUPPORT for the Issuance of Direct Non-profit Lease to Na Moku Aupuni O Koolau Hui  
**Date:** Saturday, February 3, 2024 6:14:51 PM

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Aloha Chair Chang and Board Members,

My name is Bob Douglas, and I am from Pana'ewa, Hilo, Hawaii.

I submit this testimony in **strong support** of Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui acquiring the long-term lease for Ke'anae Uka (TMK#(2)1-1-002: 008 & 009), and Na Moku Lo'i Kalo Project Site (TMK#1-1-004:005).

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I am a supporter of Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui.

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- Ke'anae Uka and the lo'i work hand in hand. The lo'i kalo will one day provide produce for Ke'anae Uka's needs, through a farm to table model, strengthening the food security and sustainability for their community and the island of Maui.

Acquiring the long-term lease would allow Na Moku to continue sharing space with their community and offering these services to the public and other organizations across the world. Please allow Na Moku Aupuni O Ko‘olau Hui to acquire this long term lease for Ke‘anae Uka and the Lo‘i Kalo Project Site.

Mahalo nui loa for considering my testimony.

‘O ke aloha nō,  
Bob Douglas

**From:** [Regina Gregory](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Feb. 9 Item D-7  
**Date:** Sunday, February 4, 2024 10:03:11 AM

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Strong support for Issuance of Direct Non-profit Lease to Na Moku Aupuni O Koolau Hui

Regina Gregory  
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Aloha Chair Chang and Board Members,

My name is John "Irish" O'Hara, I reside in Maui Hikina moku of Hāna, and I am Chairman of the Board of the 501(c)(3) Ke Ao Hāli'i.

My testimony is in **strong support** of Nā Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui acquiring the long-term lease for Ke'anae Uka (TMK#(2)1-1-002: 008 & 009), and Na Moku Lo'i Kalo Project Site (TMK#1-1-004:005).

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Nā Moku and Ke Ao Hāli'i are both Alaka'i Members of the Maui Nui Makai Network and have collaborated on many community outreach efforts and are committed to community managed resources in our respective areas. Some important things to consider when considering Nā Moku's long-term lease application:



- Nā Moku received the right of entry 4 years ago, in 2020, as a year-to-year agreement with the Department of Land and Natural Resources. With no guarantee of how long they would have the property to manage, they did not hesitate to bring the facility up to par, saving the State a substantial amount of money.
- In the past three years, Ke'anae Uka (previously called Ke'anae YMCA) has been refreshed and strengthened under the care of Nā Moku. The facility has hosted groups from across the world for cultural exchanges, community meetings, celebrations, family reunions, weddings, keiki groups, church group services, men's group retreats, Camp Imua, visits to the lo'i, and regularly hosts camping for the public. The facility provides a much needed gathering place in Maui Hikina.
- Nā Moku was founded in 1996, and though its original founders have passed on, the current board/officers/members of Na Moku are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation kanaka maoli who consider it a privilege to maintaining 4.82 acres of lo'i kalo in the Wailuanui ahupua'a and Ke'anae Uka. They are committed to educate and share the cultural heritage of their place through practice and understanding the importance of connectivity of mauka to makai, water ways, and the lo'i. Schools, organizations, and many individual visitors have benefitted from huaka'i to their moku.
- Ke'anae Uka and the lo'i work hand in hand. The lo'i kalo will one day provide produce for Ke'anae Uka's needs, through a farm to table model, strengthening the food security and sustainability for their community and the island of Maui.

The long-term lease would allow Nā Moku to continue sharing space with our community and offering these services to the public and organizations across the world. Please allow Nā Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui to realize this long-term lease for Ke'anae Uka and the Lo'i Kalo Project Site.

Mahalo nui loa for considering my testimony.

E ola,



John "Irish" O'Hara - Chairman  
Ke Ao Hāli'i



February 9, 2024

**ATTN:** Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR)  
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Submitted *via Email* at [BLNR.testimony@hawaii.gov](mailto:BLNR.testimony@hawaii.gov)

**SUBJECT:** Support for Agenda Item Agenda Item D-7: Request For Issuance of Direct Non-Profit Lease To Nā Moku 'Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui; Retroactive of Right-of-Entry Permit From December 11, 2021, To December 10, 2024, For Recreational Campsite, Agriculture And Community-Based Economic Development Purposes, Ke'anae-Wailua, Hāna, Maui, Tax Map Keys: (2) 1-1-002: 008 & 009 AND (2) 1-1-004: 005

Aloha pumehana kākou:

Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA) submits this testimony in **strong support** of of Nā Moku 'Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui acquiring the long-term lease for Ke'anae Uka (TMK#(2)1-1-002: 008 & 009), and Nā Moku Lo'i Kalo Project Site (TMK#1-1-004:005).

KUA was founded by grassroots mālama 'āina community effort and initiatives to empower communities to improve their qualities of life by caring for their biocultural (natural and cultural) heritages. We work to increase our communities' resiliency, adaptation, and transformation through community-based biocultural resource management, currently supporting three major networks of: (1) almost 40 mālama 'āina (caring for our 'āina or "that which feeds") community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together); (2) over 60 loko i'a (fishpond aquaculture systems unique to Hawai'i) and wai 'ōpae (anchialine pool systems) sites in varying stages of restoration and development, with numerous caretakers, stakeholders, and volunteers known as the Hui Mālama Loko I'a ("caretakers of fishponds"); and (3) the Limu Hui made up of over 50 loea (traditional experts) and practitioners in all things "limu" or locally-grown "seaweed." **Our shared nu'ukia (vision) is to once again experience what our kūpuna (ancestors) referred to as 'āina momona – abundant and healthy ecological systems that sustain our communities' resilience and well-being.**

Nā Moku 'Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui (Nā Moku) was created in 1996 as a non-profit organization to educate, perpetuate, serve, and protect the historical, traditional, spiritual, and environmental well being of Ke'anae/Wailuanui. Members are the lineal descendants and current residents of the Ke'anae and Wailuanui ahupua'a. Though currently not an official participant of our networks we have worked with and mutually supported each other through our work with the Maui Nui Makai Network. We have also utilized the land and facility that Item D-7 concerns to convene communities from across Maui and the state to discuss common interests, successes and challenges concerning their mālama 'āina work. Acquiring the long-term lease would allow Nā Moku to continue to mālama the lo'i and one day provide produce for Ke'anae Uka's needs and share space with their community and offer these services to the public and other organizations across the world. **Please allow Nā Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui to acquire this long term lease for Ke'anae Uka and the Lo'i Kalo Project Site.**



If granted, Nā Moku would not just be the holder of a lease – they would continue to actively care for the land and facilities to convene themselves and other communities for addressing some of our world’s greatest cultural and environmental concerns. They facilitate and foster active citizen-stewardship of our environment with an ahupua’a and moku vision, and are heavily involved in the Maui Nui Makai Network and the Maui Hikina Huliāmahi initiative focused on community-led planning for regional makai (marine) management across the four moku of East Maui: Ko’olau, Hāna, Kīpahulu, & Kaupō. **Please also consider the longstanding efforts of Nā Moku to protect and promote their biocultural heritage in Ke’anae & Wailuanui East Maui, which approval of a lease would only enhance.** By taking on this kuleana they are building and taking greater leadership in their place, which KUA is proud to kāko’o (support). Since 2020, they received the right-of-entry for a year-year agreement with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and since then, they have already progressed through stages of cleaning, safety, renovations, and setting up a reservation system. **Nā Moku has never waived in shouldering the kuleana of cleaning and bringing the property up to par, saving the state a substantial amount of money.** Furthermore, they continue to host groups including KUA network members and others from across the state, nation, and world for cultural exchanges, community meetings and celebrations such as family reunions, weddings, kids groups, church group services, men’s group retreats, Camp Imua, visits to the lo’i, and regularly hosting camping for the general public. Clearly Nā Moku has proven to be a responsible, community-building steward of this place, and this lease would better allow them to continue their good work.

Please **approve** Land Division’s request for final approval to establish a direct non-profit lease with Nā Moku ‘Aupuni o Ko’olau Hui.

**Pūpūkahi i holomua e ho’okanaka!**  
*Let us all unite to better the human condition!*

Me ka mahalo a me ka ‘oia’i’o nō,

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Kevin K.J. Chang  
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Connolly".

Alex Connolly  
E Alu Pū Coordinator

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Olan Leimomi Fisher  
Kua’āina Advocate

**From:** [Lucille Lecker](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In support of Retroactive D-7 on 2/9/24  
**Date:** Monday, February 5, 2024 11:48:09 AM

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Aloha BLNR

Thank you for taking the time to hear the testimonies and adding this on the agenda. I am in support for Right of Entry permit for Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui to continue an establish a long-term lease to operate old Camp Ke'anae now called Ke'anae Uka.

This has benefited not just the Eastmaui community but also programs throughout the Islands as a camp site for both Family, Community or Spiritual gathering.

We had our Pahukoa Family Reunion in 2023. My son along with many other youths from the Islands have attended Unashamed youth camp during the summer and winter breaks that is always a powerful and positive time for this generation to have a place to fellowship and build a friendship with other believers.

I hope as you hear and read the many testimonies that you will also support this great program.

Mahalo,  
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Sent from Noe's iPhone

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'Ano'ai ke aloha a kākou,

'O Lillie Makaila ko'u inoa. No Ko'olau, O'ahu mai au, a noho au i Keana, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu i kēia mau manawa. I am kānaka Hawai'i by birth, a professional planner by trade, and once visited Ke'anae Uka and Wailuanui as a malihini to those lands. Mahalo for your time and consideration of this written testimony, I will try to be brief and direct with my comments.

It is an honor and a privilege to speak on my personal experience with Na Moku Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui and to ask that this Board vote in support of the request for their hui to acquire a long-term lease for Ke'anae Uka (TMK# (2)1-1-002: 008 & 009), and the Na Moku Lo'i Kalo Project Site (TMK# (2)1-1-004:005). I urge this Board and each of its members to choose Na Moku Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui to steward the 'āina in Ke'anae Uka and Wailuanui because there is no better entity to manage these lands.

Professionally, in my review it is clear that this lease should not require an EA or any other environmental disclosure document as the proposed uses are existing, do not pose a threat to people or places, and are on the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources reviewed and concurred on by the Environmental Council. Additionally, I fully support the staff recommendation to ask for the minimum lease rent and believe it will aid in the hui's ability to focus on their programs and stewardship.

Furthermore, I had the opportunity to stay at Ke'anae Uka, to visit lo'i kalo in Wailuanui, to go makai at Ke'anae, and to follow the kahawai in Wailuanui to the sea. I swam in the muliwai. I walked the kuāuna and traced the path of the 'auwai. Every place I visited I saw lands that were bursting with health and vitality. Spaces filled with community and keiki learning from the elder generations. I can describe it as nothing less than mālama 'āina at its finest.

I sat in the gathering space at Ke'anae Uka as it was filled with the leadership of Na Moku Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui, cultural and lineal descendants of that 'āina, and the extended Ko'olau community. I listened to their stories, and I heard their insights on resource management, and I was just grateful to be there and share space with them. My time there was transformative. To be immersed in a living, vibrant community of aloha 'āina, kupa of those lands, was an honor. I saw a hui that is grounded in 'ike kūpuna and actively works to provide spaces and opportunities for their community, a role model truly. The restoration of the Ke'anae Uka facilities in the few short years since they took it over, years that have been heavily impacted by a global pandemic, clearly demonstrates their capacity to accept a long-term lease. Voting to grant this long-term lease is a safe, and easy decision for this Board. They deserve unanimous support, and I ask each of you to lend your support at the upcoming meeting.

No'u iho,



Lillie Makaila

Council Chair  
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February 7, 2024

Dawn Chang, Chair  
State of Hawaii  
Board of Land & Natural Resources  
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Aloha Chair Chang and Board Members,

SUBJECT: Item D-7

I would like to support the issuance of the Direct Non-profit lease to Na Moku Aupuni O Koolau Hui for the purposes listed in this item.

Na Moku Aupuni O Koolau hui has maintained and cared for this property and facility. They have assisted in hosting and facilitating many community meetings and workshops which is of great benefit to the community.

I highly recommend the issuance of this lease to Na Moku Aupuni O Koolau Hui.

Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane M. Sinenci".

SHANE M. SINENCI  
Councilmember  
East Maui District



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Aloha Chair Chang and Board Members,

My name is Tiani Cook, and I am the Po'o (Chair) representing Maui Nui Makai Network.

I submit this testimony in **strong support** of Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui acquiring the long-term lease for Ke'anae Uka (TMK#(2)1-1-002: 008 & 009), and Na Moku Lo'i Kalo Project Site (TMK#1-1-004:005).

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Founded in 2013, the Maui Nui Makai Network is a group of nine community organizations across Maui Nui (Maui, Lāna'i, Moloka'i, and Kaho'olawe) who are exerting our kuleana (responsibility) to care for the ocean in a way that honors our kūpuna (ancestors), and the traditional and cultural practices of our places. Na Moku has been a member of this organization since 2022.

The Networks support for Na Moku acquiring this lease is based on the following:

- Since December of 2020, when Na Moku received the right of entry for a year-year agreement with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Na Moku never hesitated to take on the kuleana of cleaning, bringing the property up to par, saving the State a substantial amount of money.
- Ke'anae Uka and the lo'i work hand in hand. The lo'i kalo will one day provide produce for Ke'anae Uka's needs, through a farm to table model, strengthening the food security and sustainability for their community and the island of Maui.

- In the past three years, Ke‘anae Uka has been revitalized under the care of Na Moku, hosting groups from across the world for cultural exchanges, community meetings and celebrations, family reunions, weddings, kids groups, church group services, men’s group retreats, Camp Imua, visits to the lo‘i, and regularly hosting camping for the general public. Na Moku has hosted multiple community planning meetings regarding marine management planning that encompassed all East Maui communities (Ko‘olau to Kaupō). The Network was also able to host a “Canoe Peoples Exchange” in 2023 with indigenous communities of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council, We Are Oceania, a Micronesian community from Oahu along with other Native Hawaiian led organizations across Hawai‘i. These gatherings allowed the Network to grow individually and create relationships for the betterment of our culture, identity, environment, health and wellness of our people.

Acquiring the long-term lease would allow Na Moku to continue sharing space with their community and offering these services to the public and other organizations across the world. Please allow Na Moku Aupuni O Ko‘olau Hui to acquire this long term lease for Ke‘anae Uka and the Lo‘i Kalo Project Site.

Mahalo nui loa for considering my testimony.

‘O ke aloha nō,  
Tiani Cook,  
MNMN Chair





## MARINE RESOURCE COUNCIL

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Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl St., Room 132 and via Teleconference

Aloha Chair Chang and Board Members,

My name is Amy Hodges, Executive Director of Maui Nui Marine Resource Council (MNMRC). On behalf of MNMRC, I submit this testimony in **strong support** of Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui acquiring the long-term lease for Ke'anae Uka (TMK#(2)1-1-002: 008 & 009), and Na Moku Lo'i Kalo Project Site (TMK#1-1-004:005).

MNMRC has worked with Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui (Na Moku) through its involvement with the Maui Nui Makai Network and Maui Hikina Huliamaahi. As an ocean-minded organization, we recognize the inherent connection between the land and sea on Maui and invest in partnerships that support pono land practices led by the community. We highly respect Na Moku as they have demonstrated their ability to steward, and have deep connection to, these lands.

MNMRC partnered with Na Moku in 2020 during COVID via the Maui CARES Act, where Na Moku members performed stream water quality and volume monitoring and clear water pathways of invasive vegetation. The project not only provided employment during the pandemic but afforded the opportunity for community members to learn scientific skill sets, understand the water flow reaching their lo'i, and deepen their connection to place. [Ko'olau Watershed Project short video](#)

A long-term lease allows Na Moku the breadth to plan stewardship and service projects into the future, ensuring the security and health of these land parcels, the community, and our island home. Thank you for your consideration and support of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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**Testimony in Support of Agenda Item D-7:  
REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF DIRECT NON-PROFIT LEASE TO NA MOKU  
AUPUNI O KOOLAU HUI; RETROACTIVE OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT  
FROM DECEMBER 11, 2021, TO DECEMBER 10, 2024, FOR  
RECREATIONAL CAMPSITE, AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY-BASED  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, KEANAE-WAILUA, HANA, MAUI,  
TAX MAP KEYS: (2) 1-1-002: 008 & 009 AND (2) 1-1-004: 005**

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Aloha Chair Chang and Board Members,

My name is Claudia Kalaola, and I reside in Maui Hikina moku of Hāna. I am a Director of the 501(c)(3) Nā Mamo O Mū'olea.

My testimony is in **strong support** of Nā Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui acquiring the long-term lease for Ke'anae Uka (TMK#(2)1-1-002: 008 & 009), and Na Moku Lo'i Kalo Project Site (TMK#1-1-004:005).

Nā Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui (Nā Moku) was created in 1996 as a non-profit organization to educate, perpetuate, serve, and protect the historical, traditional, spiritual, and environmental well-being of Ke'anae/Wailuanui. Members are the lineal descendants and current residents of the area.

Nā Moku and Nā Mamo O Mū'olea are both Alaka'i Members of the Maui Nui Makai Network and have collaborated on many community outreach efforts and are committed to community managed resources in our respective areas. Some important points to consider when considering their long-term lease application:

- Nā Moku received the right of entry 4 years ago, in 2020, as a year to year agreement with the Department of Land and Natural Resources. With no guarantee

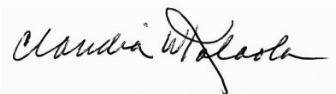
of how long they would have the property to manage, they did not hesitate to bring the facility up to par, saving the State a substantial amount of money.

- In the past three years, Ke‘anae Uka (previously called Ke‘anae YMCA) has been refreshed and strengthened under the care of Na Moku. The facility has hosted groups from across the world for cultural exchanges, community meetings and celebrations, family reunions, weddings, keiki groups, church group services, men’s group retreats, Camp Imua, visits to the lo‘i, and regularly hosts camping for the public.
- Nā Moku was founded in 1996, and though all of its original founders have passed on, the current board/officers/members of Na Moku are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation kanaka maoli who consider it a privilege to maintaining 4.82 acres of lo‘i kalo in the Wailuanui ahupua‘a and Ke‘anae Uka. They are committed to educate and share the cultural heritage of their place through practice and understanding the importance of connectivity of mauka to makai, water ways, and the lo‘i. Schools, organizations, and many individual visitors have benefitted from huaka‘i to their moku.
- Ke‘anae Uka and the lo‘i work hand in hand. The lo‘i kalo will one day provide produce for Ke‘anae Uka’s needs, through a farm to table model, strengthening the food security and sustainability for their community and the island of Maui.

The long-term lease would allow Nā Moku to continue sharing space with our community and offering these services to the public and other organizations across the world. Please allow Nā Moku Aupuni O Ko‘olau Hui to acquire this long-term lease for Ke‘anae Uka and the Lo‘i Kalo Project Site.

Mahalo nui loa for considering my testimony.

Ke aloha nui,



Claudia Kalaola – Director  
Nā Mamo O Mū‘olea

**From:** [Earle Medeiros](#)  
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Aloha Chair Chang & Board Members,

Save our Aina for our people and our future generations!!!. Who is better to have this lease then these people of this Aina. They will take extra care and of this lease and Aina better than any one else. I would say that it's about time that the people of Keanae have a seat at the table. My name is Earle Kuikahi Medeiros. I live in Haneoo, Hana, Maui, practically all of my life. I am 68 years old and my Dad and I had friends and family in keanae and would spend a lot of time there, by the way my Dad would be 112 at this time.

About time the people of Keanae have a chance to guide their own destiny. I have known a lot of people in Keanae over all these years. Like I said,who is better to get this lease, care take this Aina,and also educate other people , then the PEOPLE OF KEANAE!!!. Oia'i' o!!!

Aloha,

Earle Kuikahi Medeiros

P.S. You can reach me at this address or my phone number,808. 248. 8606

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Aloha mai kākou Chair Chang and Board Members,

The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra (TNC) supports Nā Moku 'Aupuni 'o Ko'olau Hui ("Nā Moku") acquiring the long-term lease for Ke'anae Uka (TMK#(2)1-1-002: 008 & 009), and Nā Moku Lo'i Kalo Project Site (TMK#1-1-004:005).

With a mission to protect the lands and waters on which all life depends, TNC has been working with communities in East Maui for over a decade to support community- and place-based nearshore fisheries and resource management.

During this time, we have had the good fortune to work with Nā Moku and get to know their mission, their leadership, and the many important projects they undertake. Nā Moku is a well-respected organization with a long history of fighting for water rights for the kalo farmers, protecting nearshore fisheries, involving the community, educating the keiki, and more recently upgrading and maintaining the grounds and buildings of Ke'anae Uka. As a membership-based organization, they hold open elections and meetings, thus they are truly representative of the Ke'anae-Wailuanui community.

Nā Moku is a member of the Maui Nui Makai Network, of which TNC is a Kako'o (supporting) member, and their board and members have been actively involved and important contributors in the Maui Hikina Huliāmahi initiative in developing a regional fisheries management plan proposal, which is now being considered as a model for the Maui Pilot Project under DAR's Holomua initiative.

Having a long-term lease to Ke'anae Uka and the Lo'i Kalo Project Site will support Nā Moku in continuing to pursue and achieve their objectives for place-based management and community empowerment. If requested, TNC is committed to continuing to provide technical support and other assistance for their efforts in the years ahead.

Mahalo for your consideration,



Scott Crawford  
Maui Marine Director

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Aloha!

Please support Item D-7 to have  
the Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui lease the Ke'anae Uka & Lo'i Kalo  
Project site.

Mahalo,  
Shannon Rudolph - Kona  
40 year Hawai'i resident

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How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. ~ Anne Frank